

All State Director Information Sheet

Monday, January 24

Hello Idaho Music Educators,

I wanted to reach out to you today to let you know of a few things to be aware of as we prepare to gather in Nampa next week. Please read through this information and let me know if you have any questions for this information. I will be sending several of these as the week progresses and time allows me to collect thoughts.

Ticket Information

Attached you will find a ticket order form that we would like all students who have family and friends who plan to attend the Gala Concerts on February 4 and 5. In an effort to keep crowding to a minimum we are asking students to bring this ticket order form with payment to registration/check in on Wednesday, February 2. The tickets will be prepared on Thursday and delivered to local students Thursday afternoon or Friday morning so they can distribute them to their families. Out of town tickets will be held at WILL CALL unless otherwise stipulated for easier pick up. Please distribute these forms to students in advance so we can make this happen. Tickets will be available at the door for last minute purchases.

Schedule

The student schedule was sent last week and is located on the website. I wanted to point out that we have adapted to Covid protocols and rehearsals and lunches will be separate for each honor group. The evening activities are optional and we leave that part up to each director to decide on attendance.

Check In

Check in will begin on Wednesday, February 2 at 4:00pm. We will be checking students in by SCHOOL. Remember that students can not check themselves in. Make sure there is an adult representative to check them in. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Meals

We are providing lunch on Thursday and Friday. We are providing dinner for the All State Jazz Band and Choir on Friday only because of their quick turn around concert at 6pm on Friday evening. Please note that no dinner meals will be offered at NNU this year. We will provide a sack lunch for students who request it on Saturday. Students who wish to have a lunch on Saturday will be asked to tell their IMEA Chaperone on Thursday when they check in whether they need a lunch for Saturday or not.

Music/Practice Tracks

All students should have their music and the choir practice tracks are located on the website except for one Mixed Choir piece we are still waiting on. Please let me know if you are missing any music or need clarification about music.

Masks

Every student needs to come to All State with their own supply of masks. Please make sure that masks are effective and no gators, face shields, masks with built in vents, or sparkly masks that are essentially for looks instead of effectiveness. We will be enforcing the mask policy at all times. For the gala concerts we have black masks for all students to wear to look more uniform. Students who do not follow this policy will be released from the event.

Students who are dropping or sick

Between now and next week, please email me if you have any students who are dropping for whatever reason. It is better for us to know ahead of time especially for those ensembles with small numbers. Of course we always have students who don't come at the last minute, so please be ready to tell us those when you check in on Wednesday.

Covid policy and illness

Due to the nature of the world we live in, we will be making sure that students come to rehearsals feeling well. Students who display illness in any form will be evaluated quickly and chaperone/director contacted. Due to Covid, once a student is not in attendance or is sitting out due to not feeling well we will err on the side of safety and they will be removed from the event regardless of a negative Covid test. We will do our best to evaluate fairly, but we are also making sure that the 700 students in attendance are able to be in a safe environment.

Outfits

Students should bring their performance attire that they wear for concerts at your school. If that is nice clothes, robes, tuxedo, formals etc... No jeans and t shirts regardless of their performance attire at school.

Local Students

If you are a director in the Nampa area, please be advised that students are responsible to be on time for all rehearsals. If your district allows students to drive, we ask that on Thursday and Friday they park at either College Church of the Nazarene or across the street at the Johnson Sports Complex on the campus of NNU. Once they park their car, they are not allowed to return to it until the end of the day. PLEASE HAVE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS that students will not be released early from a rehearsal or allowed to come late due to a Dr. appointment, sport/play/musical rehearsal or any other event. They have all committed to being present for All State and there are no exceptions. Band students are NOT ALLOWED to drive to Nampa High for their rehearsals as their parking lots are for their students. Make sure they ride the shuttles.

School Performing Groups

If your school was chosen to perform for the conference during a concert hour, please make sure that when appropriate you tell your honor group chair and chaperone the date you are performing and the time you are performing. Students will be allowed to leave and return for this performance. Band students will need to be picked up and brought to NNU. We don't have shuttles to bring them during the day.

Band Shuttle

All honor ensembles are located on the campus of NNU except the band. The band will be at Nampa High School. On Thursday and Friday morning, there will be shuttle buses to take band students from the NNU Johnson Sports Center (where local students can park) to Nampa High. These buses will also bring the students back to campus for lunch and then at the end of the day after rehearsal. On Wednesday evening students will be able to leave large instruments at Nampa High for the duration of Thursday and Friday.

Concerts

The concert schedule is on the student schedule and ticket form. All conference attendees and honor group students can get into all concerts for free with their badge. Make sure that you have your badge with you at all times.

Closed Campus

During all rehearsals from 8:30am until 4:30pm ALL STUDENTS will be at their rehearsal site either at Nampa HS or NNU. Any students who wander off to Dutch, Wendy's or any other off campus site will be removed immediately. Please make sure you reinforce this. I will be very happy if I can have one all state where I am not removing a student who decides to skip out on a meal.

Chaperones

I have contacted official IMEA chaperones. These chaperones are working for IMEA during rehearsal times starting Wednesday and ending Friday or Saturday depending on honor group. IMEA provides or reimburses 50% of their hotel room and they have been contacted about this as well. Their lunches are provided as well.

If you have a parent coming to help chaperone your students, if I could have their names, I can make them a badge that allows them to attend the rehearsals. They will be on their own for meals. If they don't have a badge, we won't allow them into the rehearsal site as we want to know who is coming to rehearsals. Of course directors are welcome.

Final Thoughts for now...

I will be sending more emails with more information. Busing parking, map of NNU, answers to more questions, etc.... I want to thank you all for all you do on a daily basis. My hope is that this is a great experience for all and that our conference will allow all of us to be able to connect with each other for a much needed burst of togetherness! This has been a difficult time, but my own daughter who is a senior is thankful that we are doing our best to make sure music education and music in general continues to lift us all up and build a better world!

Please send any questions but be graceful with time to answer.

Thank you!

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